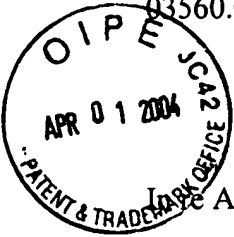


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PATENT APPLICATION



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Application of:

HIDEYUKI MAKITANI

Appln. No.: 09/518,636

Filed: March 3, 2000

For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS
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TO IMAGE FORMING
APPARATUS VIA A NETWORK
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AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 29, 2003, Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to March 29, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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In response to that Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The Amendment to the specification appears on page 3, amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning on page 4, and the Remarks begin on page 12.